



**National Commission on the Future of the Army**  
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**Subject:** Closed (Classified) Meeting, June 9, 2015

**Location:** FORSCOM Headquarters, Fort Bragg, NC

**Attendees:**

Commissioner Carter F. Ham, Commission Chairman  
Commissioner Thomas R. Lamont, Commission Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Robert F. Hale  
Commissioner Jack C. Stultz  
Commissioner James D. Thurman  
Mr. Don Tison, Designated Federal Officer  
MG (Ret) Ray Carpenter, NCFA Executive Director

**Agenda:**

Meeting called to order at 0740 Hours. The meeting began with introductory remarks by the Commission Chairman and an explanation of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) by the Designated Federal Officer.

**Speakers:**

1. US Army Reserve Command (USARC). LTG Jeffrey Talley, Commanding General, USARC; CSM Luther Thomas, Command Sergeant Major, USARC; CW5 Phyllis Wilson, Command Chief Warrant Officer, USARC; Mr. Jim Balocki, Command Executive Officer, USARC; MG Dave Conboy, Deputy Commanding General, USARC; BG Ferdinand Irizarry II, G3, USARC.

LTG Talley described the US Army Reserve as a Title 10 force that is ready and able. He stated that because of a decision in the 1990s to put Combat Support (CS) and Combat Service Support (CSS) forces in the USAR, the Army must rely on COMPO 3 (USAR). He discussed sustaining readiness and funding for readiness. LTG Talley also discussed funding for Full Time Support (FTS) and the risks associated with not properly resourcing FTS. CSM Thomas discussed the relationship between readiness and recruiting and retention in the USAR. CW5 Wilson discussed Warrant Officer manning and experience. Mr. Mallock talked about Department of the Army Civilian personnel manning levels and their effect on readiness. During a discussion on low density/high demand forces (some of which are in the USAR), LTG Donahue said that those forces are carefully managed at FORSCOM.

2. US Army Forces Command (FORSCOM). LTG Patrick Donahue II, Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff, FORSCOM; CSM Scott Schroeder, Command Sergeant Major, FORSCOM; MG Scott Thoele, Deputy Commanding General (Reserve Component), FORSCOM; MG Jimmy Jae Wells, Deputy Chief of Staff, FORSCOM; MG Paul Hurley, G4, FORSCOM; MG Thomas James, Jr., G3/5/7, FORSCOM; Mr. Phil McGhee, G8, FORSCOM; Mr. Nate Godwin, Deputy G3, FORSCOM; Mr. Ric Porter, Deputy G1, FORSCOM; Mr. Derek Miller, Chief, Force Provider Division, FORSCOM.

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Mr. Miller described the Global Force Management (GFM) process and how FORSCOM sources requirements. LTG Donahue discussed sourcing requirements with Reserve Component forces (Army National Guard and US Army Reserve) using 10 US Code § 12304b and the timelines associated with access and funding. Discussion shifted to low density/high demand forces to include readiness of those forces and their historical Boots on the Ground (BOG):dwell ratios.

3. First US Army. LTG Michael Tucker, Commanding General, First US Army and Ms. Jimmie Ring, Deputy G3, First Army.

LTG Tucker discussed training and validation of Reserve Component forces. He highlighted First Army's initiative to partner Corps with Divisions and Divisions with Brigade Combat Teams (BCT) across all components. He discussed the relationship between pre-mobilization training and post-mobilization training and stated that First Army will be more combat support and combat service support centric. He also discussed mobilization site capability, throughput and expansion.

4. US Army Special Operations Command (USASOC). LTG Charles Cleveland, Commanding General, USASOC; Mr. Richard Holcomb, Deputy to the Commanding General, USASOC; BG Erik Peterson, Commanding General, US Army Special Operations Aviation Command (USASOAC); COL Jay Wolff, G5, USASOC; COL Ernesto Sirvas, Commander, Special Warfare Center (SWC), USASOC; COL Robert McDowell, Deputy Commander, SWC, USASOC; Ms. Bethina Gilmore, G8, USASOC; Mr. Robert Warbug, G9, USASOC.

LTG Cleveland discussed Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF) key capabilities, contributions to the Army Operating Concept, and its role in theater security cooperation. He discussed ARSOF capabilities in both the Active and Reserve Components and requirements for pre-mobilization training and post-mobilization training.

Meeting adjourned at 1205 Hours.